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Atlantic & Pacific R. R. Co. Personal Experiences and Recollections of Arizona, During The Past Thirty-Three Years.

BY A. F. BANTA.

THOMAS GATES.

The late superintendent of the Territorial prison committed suicide, by shooting himself through the ead, in Yuma, on the 13th instant. Many people are prone to thoughtlessly remark, "no one but a coward kills himself." Here is a case in point which proves the contrary to be true, that cowards do not, and that it is only brave men that take their own lives. We first met Tom Gates thirty years ago, in what is now called (old) Albuquerque. And when we say that Tom Gates was not a coward, we speak from personal experience, for Gates was as brave as they make 'em. Tom Gates first came to Arizona, from Los Angeles, Cal., in the year 1866, the territorial press to the contrary notwithstanding. He and Billy Brannen left Los Angeles together in '66, for Tueson, via Arizona City and the other towns en route. These two men-Gates and Brannen -made a pair hard to beat, for both were desperate to a fault. Billy Brannen was consumptive, weighing but 110 pounds, but withal one of the most dangerous men to be met with on the frontier. When a boy only 13 years old, at Leavenworth, Kan., he deliberately and for pure cussedness, fired into a crowd of men at night, killing one and seriously wounding another. Both Brannen and Gates were poker players, and their trip and partnership was a sporting one, lasting until after reaching Santa Fe, N. M., in the fall of '66. They did a good susiness at Tucson, as also at Las ruces, and perhaps some of the old-time sports of "ye ancient and honorable Pueblo" may recall their loosings if not the circumstances.

The summer of 1866, Thos. Gates and Billy Brannen reached (old) Albuquerque; and at that time "Old Hutch" kept the stage-station and the only restaurant in the town. However rumors of their "phenomiquerque, and they did not do so reason Brannen did not "make a killing" at Albuquerque, was because no one could be found with sufficient "sand" to serve the warrant. "Jew" Smith (el Abogado), counseled Billy to submit, he would not though, but declared he would kill "the first black and tan thief" attempting to serve any papers on him. Suffice to say no arrests were made, and consequently, no killings.

One night a big "officers' baile" was in full blast at "Our House," a dance-house run by Miller. These bailes were "free and easy" affairs, but when patronized by officers and civilians exclusively, they were considered just a little bit "tony." This particular night Albuquerque was full of soldiers, and to "gather sheekels" as opportunity offered, Old Miller gave an "officers' baile." The music started up, so did Tom Gates with a fair(?) partner for a Spanish cuadrilla. As was the custom, Tom and his "lady" took position, but being near the seats which ran all round the room, she sat down while Tom stood by talking to her with his back to the room. The "floor-guy" called time and Tom stood up to find his place occupied by a strapping big fellow wearing shoulder straps, and feeling perhaps as big as a brigadier-general. Tom politely told the officer he was there first, and the place occupied by himself and partner. The officer turned upon his heel and seeing a little fellow looking up at him, deliberately turned his back on Tom and con-

gentleman by the collar, he jerked to be altogether quite a different him around, at the same time saying: person indeed. C. Meyer Zulick "You big brass-mounted s- of - selected Tom Gates for superinb-h, I am occupying this place, do tendent of the Yuma prison, and of your hear?" This was something all the appointments made by Govawful for a common citizen to use ernor Zulick, so far as my memory such language to an officer, and this serves, the Gates appointment was too in the presence of a dozen brother the best. Thomas Gates was a man officers; why it was simply outrage- of nerve; quick to act; generous to ous and not to be put up with. Had a fault; quick tempered and ready a bomb exploded in the center of to fight at the "drop of the hat." the room it would not have created and drop it himself, It is hardly more surprise; in fact they were possible for one to be braver than simply paralized; but after catching Gates, although in our day we have their breath, every mother's son of mixed with many of the bravest. 'em left the room. The baile went Thomas Gates like all of us, had his on as though nothing had occurred, faults, but surely his better qualities tion," they found a Tartar had been may the many good ones forever restired up, and acting upon the main. Peace to his ashes. theory that "discretion was the better part of valor," quietly "pulled their freight" for Wingate and other

military posts. But times appearing to be dull as himself and his mother. compared with Los Angeles, they remained but two weeks, going back to Los Angles again. My next meet-

the legislature at Tucson in 1877. At the request of Colonel Ruggles, member of the Council from Pinal, went with him to Florence, here I found Tom Gates and wife. He had married in Los Angeles and came to Arizona late in the fall of '76 or early in the spring of '77. At this time the writer and Gates were mutually interested, but money being too scarce we "closed up." In August, 1878, the writer left Southern Arizona for the northeastern part of Yava- H. Carpe pai county, now known as Apache and Navajo counties, coming up here in the interests of H. S. Stevens then a candidate for re-election to congress. I next met Tom at Prescott during the session of '83-4, and at this time he claimed Tucson as

Hanging of Cherokee Bill.

friends went up to Santa Fe-the law, murderer, and robber, expiated not feed his horses, and says he time or another, of all the "fighters" at the age of twenty. He swung off any show to thrash him. of the southwest. Here was to be without a sigh of regret for the past found Greek George, Jack Davis, or a quiver of fear for the future, re-Pete McAtee, Joe Stinson, Andy fusing all religious sympathy offered. Reeves and a dozen or more of the He ascended the scaffold with a firm the construction of four battle ships republic who were once private sollesser knights of the six-shooter and step and did all he could to keep and fifteen torpedo boats. The bat-diers, but what of that-only stop knife. Shortly after reaching Santa from disappointing the audience or Fe, Tom Gates had a misunder- delaying the execution. His mother standing with Andy Reeves, in the stood by his side and bravely witsaloon of Peter Knap. Now Andy nessed the hanging without a quiver sive of armament, was a noted character in those days; or a tear. He died as he lived, game a man as ready to fight as to eat, and to the core. Promptly at 2 o, clock as to the manner of settling the dis- the prisoner was brought out of his the Territorial prison to succeed the daughter of General Miles or of pute, why he would allow you to cell and at the jail door he was choose for yourself. Gates was a joined by his mother and aunt. He stranger to all the Santa Feans, and walked between them unsupported. being a quiet, harmless looking lit- When the scaffold was reached he tle fellow, no one thought him par- kissed his mother goodbye. With a ticularly "hard." To settle the dis- smile on his face, he walked to his pute Andy resorted to a double- place on the trap and calmly viewed barrel shot-gun, while Tom relied the crowd from his position on the upon his two single-shot pocket gallows. In reply to the question if Derringer pistols. In those days he had any thing to say, he answered and among that class of men, some "No, I came here to die not to talk." of them would take desperate Bill's wonderful nerve was inherited chances in order to play off a prac- from his mother, who stood by him The report, however, is semi-official- mitted to thump its dusky sides tical joke upon a supposed tender- on the gallows without flinching nor ly denied. It is declared that Russia against the "Dutch oven" of the foot. Now Reeves was one of the shedding a tear. She took the body has already dispatched Baron Mein- officers' mess! Let not our glorious "joking" kind, and whether he was to Fort Gibson. Cherokee Bill was dorf, counsellor of the Russian em- military aristocracy, which is eduin earnest or undertook to play a born at Fort Gibson, Indian Terri- bassy at Rome, to King Menelek cated at public expense from a tax "joke" on the wrong chicken, I don't tory, February, 8 1876. He was one with Russia's reply consenting to do levied upon cooks and scullions and know. However Tom's nerve was of the robbers who infested the In- so. too much for Andy, for Gates faced dian Territory during the reign of The Berlin correspondent of the med by these mixed marriages with the shot-gun, walking up to Reeves terror in 1894, and belonged to the Times says that the Hamburger cor- the "common people." No, indeed, and putting the muzzle of his cocked Cook gang. He worked with Bill respondent, which is often used as and indeed-let not the only real Derringer to Andy's head, pushing Cook on Ranches creek in the nation an official mouthpiece, believes that true-blue aristocracy we have be so the gun to one side, ordered Reeves and became an outlaw at the age of the emperor will refuse to intervene outraged, and, hereafter, when any nal" success followed them to Albudrop it or he would "blow his d-m fourteen. Bill's last robbery was the
in support of Spain in the Cuban commissioned cuss so far forgets brains out." Andy Reeves after one that cost him his life. On No- affair against the United States. A himself as to spark and wed the wards said that "Gates was the vember 9, he and Verde Gris Kid were gamest man he ever met, and his robbing Lenapah when Earnest Millittle experience with him broke me ton looked out of his window to see of sucking eggs." The winter of what was going on. Bill saw him '66-'67 Billy Brannen spent in Las and sent a bullet through his brain. Vegas, and Tom Gates returned to For this murder he was convicted California via Salt Lake City. and paid the penalty on the gallows, Sometime in the winter of 1869-70, dying as game as any man on record. Tom Gates, accompanied by a part- He was a half breed Cherokee, which ner named Parker, returned to Ari- accounts for the apparent stoic inzona, this time stopping at Prescott. difference to fate, exhibited both by

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All last winter Mr. Geo. A. Mills, his place of abode. After locating of Lebanon, Conn., was badly afflict- through the left lung, severing the in Tucson, Gates became affiliated ed with rheumatism. At times it with the local democracy, and being was so severe that he could not stand out in front of the neck. The men naturally shrewd soon became prom- up straight, but was drawn over on were in partnership in a mine and inent with the Pinal county democ- one side. "I tried different remedies had made a shipment of ore, and it tinued his conversation with his racy. At the session of 1883-4 Gates without receiving relief." he says unis believed that Eddenfield wanted was at the head of the legislative til about six months ago I bought a to come into posession of the mine, officers and citizens, no private lobby, and through his management bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. as it was proven both men held soldiers being allowed in there while their superiors were occupying the place. The snub by the officer riled Gates, and catching the epauletted Gates, and catching the epauletted obby, and through his management bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. After using it for three days my returned since. For sale by F. J. Harper was 50 years old and leaves a family in Woodland, Cal.

GENERAL NEWS.

France and Italy are intriguing to detach Italy from the triple alliance. Good enough.

bers of the Southern Pacific train at anything about it. Roscoe station, two years ago, is sentenced to be hanged on May 22.

Some of the passengers and crew were saved, but many are missing.

The case of the United States versus the State of Texas, involving and the next day there was some overbalanced the bad; the bad, if the ownership of Greer county, was talk of a duel, but upon "investiga- any, now lie burried forever, and decided in the Supreme Court in favor of the United States. Justice Harlan handed down the opinion. The case involves 1,500,000 acres.

"White Hat" McCarthy is here A telegram says Cherokee Bill, the from his visit to his starving horses youthful murderer and desperado, at Modesto. He talks of prosecut-Leaving Albuquerque our two who for six years has been an out- ing Canty, the farmer who would city of the holy faith; the Mecca of all these offences by hanging at Fort wanted to fight Canty in any way, ley, who stands a good chance to be sports; the general rendezvous, at one Smith, Ark., on the 16th inst., and but the farmer would not give him

At a meeting of the house naval committee, it was decided to recom- here to the extent of columns givmend in the naval appropriation bill ing the names of great men of the tle ships will have a displacement of and think a moment what a calamity about 11,000 tons, and they will cost it would be to the army of the not to exceed \$300,000 each, exclu- United States and the world in gen-

M. F. Shaw to be superintendent of shoemaker or a meat-peddler, marry Thomas Gates, who committed Governor McKinley! suicide on Friday. James Coyle was I shudder at the thought-indeed, appointed warden. Shaw is a I do, and I know the nations of the pioneer of Arizona, and was for two world will join me in the shudder. terms sheriff of Pima county, and No, no; let us not have the high won renown in the early days as city and mighty class which graduates marshal of Tombstone.

from St. Petersburg says that the plebeian class which serves in the impression strengthens there that ranks and wins its country's battles, King Menelek will ask Russia to Let not the stew-kettle of the commediate between Abyssinia and Italy. mon soldier's "grub-pile" be per-

Madrid dispatch to the Standard daughter of a private soldier, let says: "The press and public here him not only have his head shaved express disappointment and impatience at General Weyler's failure to suppress the Cuban insurgents." Dr. Jose Manuel Delgado, the

American citizen who is reported to have been shot and nearly killed by Spanish troops under the command of General Melqui, is not dead. The captain-general has promised the promptest inquiry into the circum stances of the case and has given assurances that the guilty person will be most severely dealt with Dr. Delgado is said to have beer bound and shot without trial and without any justification. The doctor was left for dead and eight o

denfield, otherwise Einhart, who su rendered himself to the sheriff for the killing of S. G. Harper of Thursday last in the Huachu mountains, he was held to the near SATIONAL REPUBLICAN DELEGATES grand jury for willful murder. When A subscriber asks for the number of delein custody Eddenfield stated that Harper was about to shoot him when The following is the apportionment: he grappled with him, taking the gun away, and held him with one hand while he shot him in the breast. Medical testimony proved that the ball entered the back, passing main artery to the heart and coming

A Social Outrage.

The snobocracy of West Point has recently broken loose in a new spot, and I am considerably surprised Kid Thompson, one of the rob- that the newspapers haven't said

Why, what do you think! A cub of a second lieutenant had the The British steamer Matadi, which shameless audacity to wed a sersailed from Sierra Leone on Feb. 5, gent's daughter, and for that reason has been totally destroyed at Boma he has been socially ostracized, and, by an explosion of gunpowder. from all appearances, is to be hounded out of the army.

Did anybody ever hear of anything so outrageous, as that a prince of the royal blood of West Point, on the Hudson, should actually have the audacity to take to wife the plebeian daughter of a man who wears only chevrons on his sleeves, instead of straps on his shoulders!

Isn't it perfectly awful? Indeed, isn't it just simply horri-

ble when you come to think about it? Of course, the present general of the Army, Nelson A. Miles, was once a private soldier. William McKinpresident of the United States and commander-in-chief of the army, was a private, and I might go along eral should some second lieutenant, Governor Hughes has appointed whose father was as likely as not a

from West Point get its dark-blue A dispatch to the Cologne Gazette blood mixed up with that of the shopkeepers, have its glories dim-

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